IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Itzhak Bentwich Art Unit: 1635

App. No.: 10/707,003 Examiner: SHIN, DANA H

Conf. No.: 1002 Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE

GROUP OF VIRAL REGULATORY GENES AND USES THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

Filing Date: October 30, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2007 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below, as it will either place the application in condition for allowance or in a better form for appeal.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response; and Remarks begin at page 3.